

## NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: Discharge of Inmates with Diagnosed Opioid Use Disorders

## **AUTHORITY:**

A. HB 370, 2017 Legislative Session

### **REFERENCE:**

A. HB 370, 2017 Legislative Session

## **PURPOSE**:

The purpose of this administrative directive is to establish guidelines for the provision of naloxone to those inmates with diagnosed opioid use disorders who are being discharged from New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) facilities. New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD).

#### APPLICABILITY:

NMCD inmates with diagnosed opioid use disorders who are discharging from NMCD facilities.

#### **FORMS:**

None

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

## **DEFINITIONS**:

- A. <u>Naloxone</u>: means naloxone hydrochloride, which is an opioid antagonist for the treatment of opioid overdose.
- B. Naloxone Rescue Kit: means a kit containing:
  - (a) two doses of naloxone in either a generic form or in a form approved by the federal food and drug administration; and

(b) overdose education materials that conform to department of health or federal substance abuse and mental health services administration guidelines for opioid overdose education that explain the signs and causes of an opioid overdose and instruct when and how to administer in accordance with medical best practices: 1) life-saving rescue techniques; and 2) an opioid antagonist.

#### **POLICY:**

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- A. NMCD recognizes naloxone as a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and aid in the rescue of a person who might otherwise not survive.
- B. It is the policy of the NMCD to support naloxone accessibility by providing two doses of naloxone to any NMCD inmate with a diagnosed Opioid Use Disorder who is discharging or releasing from an NMCD facility.
- C. It is the policy of NMCD to assure that any NMCD inmate with a diagnosed Opioid Use Disorder who is discharging from an NMCD facility receives a prescription for naloxone. This prescription may be in the form of a standing order from a qualified medical provider.
- D. It is the policy of NMCD to assure that any NMCD inmate with a diagnosed Opioid Use Disorder who is discharging from an NMCD facility receives appropriate opioid overdose education.
- E. This policy is contingent on NMCD achieving and maintaining sufficient funding and having access to sufficient quantities of naloxone.

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TITLE: Discharge of Inmates with Diagnosed Opioid Use Disorders

## **AUTHORITY**:

Policy CD-173300

## **PROCEDURES**:

- A. Behavioral Health Bureau staff are responsible for maintaining and delivering appropriate opioid overdose education, as follows:
  - 1. Conforms to department of health or Federal substance abuse and mental health services administration guidelines for opioid overdose education;
  - 2. Explains the causes of an opioid overdose;
  - 3. Instructs when and how to administer in accordance with medical best practices: 1) Life-saving rescue techniques; and 2) an opioid antagonist; and;
  - 4. Explains how to contact appropriate emergency medical services.
- B. Medical staff are responsible for provision of naloxone, and a prescription for naloxone, as appropriate to the inmates covered under this policy. The prescription requirement may be satisfied by provision of a standing order from a qualified medical provider.

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